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Cutter numbers followed. Some of those taking part were Mr. G. W. Lee of the Stone and Webster Library, Mr. J. C. M. Hanson of the University of Chicago Library, Mr. Charles Martel of the Library of Congress, Dr. E. C. Richardson of Princeton University Library, Miss Rena Reece of the Denver Public Library, Miss Jennie M. Flexner of the Louisville Free Library and Miss Leta E. Adams of Gaylord Brothers.

Mr. Maurice Slog, of 713 Madison Avenue, New York City, announced the formation of a French information bureau and clearing house and invited the patronage of the librarians present.

Mr. Herbert C. Collar of the Grosvenor Library, Buffalo, spoke very fully on the making of "Index cards for maps found in certain periodicals."

The Committee on Nominations, through Miss Sophie Hiss of the Cleveland Public Library, chairman, named the following as officers of the section for the ensuing year: Chairman, Miss Jean Hawkins, of the New York State Library School; secretary, Miss Adah Patton, of the University of Illinois Library.

These officers were elected and the meeting was adjourned.

LETA E. ADAMS,
Acting Secretary.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIANS SECTION

The Children's Librarians Section met Tuesday evening, July 2, with Miss Sarah C. N. Bogle of the Carnegie Library School, Pittsburgh, in the chair. But one session of the section was held, therefore a business meeting preceded the program.

A report of the permanent committee of five on the production of children's books, of which Miss Burnite is chairman, was read by Miss Hazeltine and approved as read. The committee had studied the situation and obtained some definite information after getting reports from about thirty publishers who "replied in a spirit of interest and a desire for coöperation." It is not surprising that none of them felt that there was anything that could be done to improve the physical qualities of the books just now.

Nearly all of the publishers in answer to the question, "In what ways may this committee be of service to your firm," asked that they be apprised of the plan of work and decisions of the committee. One firm would welcome an opportunity to put suggested ideas and manuscript of books before the committee or a specially suggested committee of children's librarians, and would contribute something to the expense of such coöperation.

The committee recommended that the next step be the securing from publishers some definite statement of books which they expect to reprint and especially those which they plan to reset, to determine whether any changes seem wise in illustration, make-up or text.

The committee also recommended the advisability of finding out from the publishers those books which are out of stock and which they are not planning to republish and whether publishers would be interested in a statement from the large libraries as to the importance of continuing particular titles.

The committee considered that much of the success of any attempt to influence the production of better books for children depended on a cordial relationship between the committee and the publisher, especially on the confidence of the publisher in the practical judgment of the committee.

A list of examples of books of unsatisfactory typography and books which do not wear well has been prepared by this committee.

None of the speakers scheduled on the regular program were able to be present. Miss Adeline B. Zachert read Miss Caroline Burnite's paper on

LIBRARY WORK WITH CHILDREN IN WAR TIME

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Following this paper informal reports from Miss Annie Carroll Moore of New York, Miss Emma R. Engle of Philadelphia, and Miss Alice I. Hazeltine of St. Louis gave summaries of the war service rendered by children in the various cities. The secretary read a report from Miss Alice M. Jordan of Boston. A report was received from the Los Angeles Public Library.

The reports from these cities, given at some length, showed variations in methods but unanimity of effort and aim and the accomplishments in the first hurried excitement, even when definite plans were lacking, were stupendous. It was regretted that the lateness of the hour prevented much discussion after these reports.

The Library Committee of the Junior Red Cross submitted the following report, which was read by the secretary:

Report of the Library Committee of the Junior Red Cross

To aid in accomplishing the aims of the Junior Red Cross the following Library Committee was appointed by Dr. H. N. MacCracken, National Director of the Junior Red Cross:

Mr. C. C. Certain, Cass Technical High School, Detroit; Miss Effie L. Power, head of children's department, Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh; Miss Elisabeth Knapp, chief of children's department, Public Library, Detroit.

The purpose of the committee is to promote library service as one of the means of properly informing children concerning their national life and of preparing them for intelligent participation in the activities of the Junior Red Cross and affiliated organizations.

The method of procedure formulated by the committee is as follows:

- (1) The coordination of library service with Red Cross activities, by the following means:
 - (a) The compilation and distribution of reading lists and leaflets relating to patriotic and educational programs.

The leaflets will be addressed to children on such topics as

- "Why we are at war"
- "How boys and girls can help"
- "Heroes at the front"
- "Great national holidays"
- "Men and women of the day"
- "War time changes in commerce, etc."
- "How the Red Cross and other organizations help the soldiers and sailors"

- (b) The publication of illustrated bulletins.
 - (c) Establishment of permanent Junior Red Cross shelves or alcoves in libraries to make accessible reports and literature of the Junior Red Cross and allied organizations.
 - (d) Assisting in gathering materials and preparing reading lists relating to the activities and campaigns of the Junior Red Cross. Tentative suggestions and lists will be prepared in advance, and supplemented at later dates.
 - (e) Clipping and mounting of material of local interest to branches of the Junior Red Cross organizations.
 - (f) Preparing exhibits of books and pamphlets for displaying the work of the Junior Red Cross. An exhibit of this kind is possible and can be increased in interest by the addition of the handiwork of members.
 - (g) The organization of reading clubs, study clubs and debating clubs which can do Red Cross knitting in libraries without interference with the usual programs. The programs of these clubs also offer unlimited opportunities for information.
- (2) Definite concerted effort on the part of librarians in helping to save the children of America from the unsettling effects of the war. The stimulation of the imagination, the refreshment of the mind, the creation of new interest and reading for pure enjoyment are to be valued as immeasurable assets in attaining the purpose of the Junior Red Cross.

Plan of organization:

The Junior Red Cross Library sections of the National Education Association and the American Library Association Committees on Library War Service and on

Coöperation with Educational Associations.

Each of the coöperating committees has planned work to be directed by the American Library Association and the National Education Association.

Coöperating organization:

(a) American Library Association:

- (1) Library War Service, Carl H. Milam, assistant to the director, Library War Service, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.
- (2) Committee on Coöperation with Educational Associations, Willis H. Kerr, chairman, Normal School Library, Emporia, Kansas.
- (3) Children's Librarians' Section.
- (4) School Libraries Section.

(b) National Education Association:

The president of the Library Department, C. C. Certain, Cass Technical High School, Detroit, Mich.

Committee chairmen:

Colleges and Universities: Harriet A. Wood, Library Association, Portland, Oregon.

Normal School: Willis H. Kerr, Librarian, State Normal School, Emporia, Kansas.

Elementary Schools: Annie S. Custer, children's department, Public Library, Cleveland, Ohio.

Rural Schools: Orpha Maud Peters, Public Library, Gary, Indiana.

The present significance and importance of work for children in libraries was emphasized in various meetings and although there were fewer children's librarians present than usual, stimulation to renewed efforts was not lacking.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Miss Hazeltine of St. Louis, Miss Herbert of Washington, and Miss Sutherland of Kansas City, reported the following officers, who were duly elected: Chairman, Miss Caroline Burnite, Cleveland Public Library; vice-chairman, Miss Adeline Zachert, Rochester Public Library; secretary, Miss Ethel Wright, Toledo Public Library.

The chair appointed Miss Louise Hooper of Brookline and Mr. Adam Strohm of Detroit on the advisory board; and on the Committee for the Production of Children's Books, Miss Nina Brotherton of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, and Mr. Theodore W. Koch of the Library of Congress.

The meeting was then adjourned.

ELISABETH KNAPP,
Secretary.

COLLEGE AND REFERENCE SECTION

The section met Friday evening, July 5, W. W. Bishop presiding.

Mr. H. M. Lydenberg, chief reference librarian, New York Public Library, presented a paper on

PRESENT DISCONTENTS WITH NEWSPRINT STOCK (See p. 211)

Dr. C. W. Andrews presented facts regarding the union list of periodicals which he is editing for libraries of the middle western states. This list will show joint holdings of university and state libraries and in addition sets held by public libraries which are not in the university and state libraries. It is expected that the list will include about 30,000 entries and that the volume as printed by the H. W. Wilson

Company will consist of about 600 pages.

A discussion of "Instruction in bibliography and the book arts in colleges and universities" was introduced by A. S. Root. He advocated that elementary instruction in high schools in the reference use of libraries should be followed in colleges by courses in the history of printing and in bibliographical methods given by the librarian, and in the bibliography of special subjects given by specialists on the faculty.

The chairman appointed Mr. Quaife and Mr. Keogh as a nominating committee and their report naming Augustus H. Shearer as a member of the committee controlling the affairs of the section, was adopted.